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For: **MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM,  
METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A  
MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM AND  
MAGNETIC RECORDING DEVICE**

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed June 13, 2003, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I, claims 1-4, 9-13 and 18 for continued examination.

The Examiner has required restriction between

Group I: claims 1-4, 9-13 and 18, which are directed to a magnetic recording medium;

or

Group II: claims 5-8 and 14-17, which are directed to the method of manufacturing the recording medium.

In response, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-4, 9-13 and 18, which are directed to a magnetic recording medium. This election is without traverse.

### CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, withdrawal of this restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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